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SRI C. RAJAM RAMASAMI :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware, Sir, that the absence of a licensing system would enable monopolies to be formed to catch fish in the sea and thus deprive hundreds of small families to get a catch? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" There is no licensing system for fishermen who go out into the sea, Sir. This system is only with regard to fishing in inland waters."

*Construction of a causeway across Vellar river near Vriddhachalam.*

* 196 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received representations for constructing a causeway across Vellar near Therku-Vadakku Puthu in Vriddhachalam taluk, South Arcot district; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A representation for constructing either a bridge or a causeway across Vellar river near Vriddhachalam was received in May 1951 from the South Arcot Groundnut Market Committee. After examining it, the Committee was informed that the work could not be taken up for the present and that the question of bridging the river at the place would, however, be considered at a later date when the finances of the State improve."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAM :—" May I know, Sir, when the Government are going to arrive at a decision in the matter."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The last paragraph of the answer I had already given should have satisfied the hon. Member. It will be considered at a later date when the finances of the State improve."

*Collection of donations from the students of Dhulipudi Training School, Repalle taluk.*

* 197 *Q.*—SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any enquiry was conducted in regard to extracting compulsory donations from training students in Dhulipudi Training School of Repalle taluk; and

(*b*) if so, what was the result?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Government understand that only voluntary donations were taken by the School Committee. They were not compulsory."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" Sir, in view of the fact that the Members of the Committee themselves admitted before me that there were such collections, and in view of the fact that a

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large number of students gave evidence before the Director of Public Instruction proving the allegation, does not the statement just now made by the Hon. Minister look ridiculous? "

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Well, Sir, if a statement had been made, before the hon. Member he could have written to me about it. I have no objection to go further into the matter in the light of such communication."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" Sir, I met the Hon. Minister and communicated to him what happened there. So the statement of the Hon. Minister has come as a surprise."

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am sorry, Sir, the hon. Member did not tell me that the members of the managing committee admitted this before him. He made only a reference to the petitions received by Government in this respect."

*Elections to the Co-operative Central Bank, Srikakulam.*

* 198 *Q.*—SRI L. LAKSHMANA DAS : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state when the Government are going to conduct elections to the Co-operative Central Bank, Srikakulam?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" The question of conducting elections will be taken up after the end of June 1953, if necessary."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" May I know, Sir, what is the meaning of that expression, ' if necessary '?"

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" Sir, if conditions are favourable for conducting such elections."

*Holiday for workers under the Hydro-Electric Project, Machkund.*

* 199 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that January 26th was not declared as a holiday for the workers employed in the Hydro-Electric Project at Machkund; and

(*b*) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" Sir, are the Government aware that last year, August 15th was declared a holiday for the workers employed in the Hydro-Electric Project at Machkund and what stood in the way of the Government declaring January 26th as a holiday? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have already answered the question."